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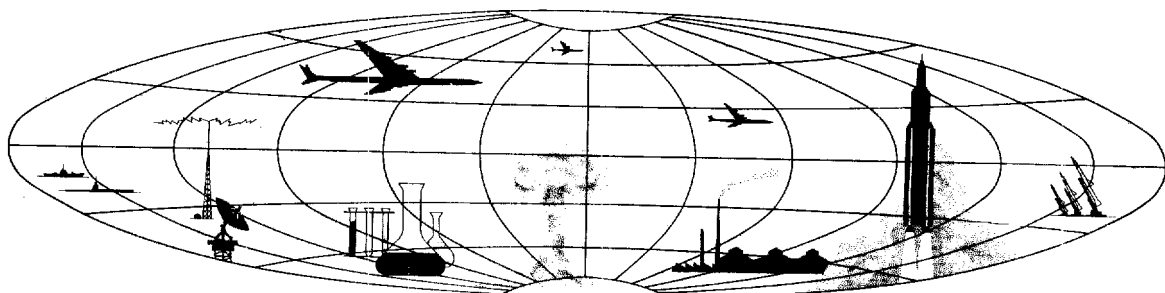
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3557, DATED 16 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

CONSTRUCTION APPARENTLY CONTINUES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

SIX OCCUPIED REVETMENTS, 6 PROBABLE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2205N 08409W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS AND A CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

25X1D [REDACTED]

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITION, 6 PRIME MOVERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SIX LAUNCHERS (4 CANVAS-COVERED), ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 2 PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SIX OCCUPIED, UNRETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS, 6 POSSIBLE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

CHAPARRA SAM SITE 2107N 07626W

SITE ABANDONED.  
NO ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 PROBABLE  
TRANSPORTERS (ONE IN LAUNCH REVETMENT), AND AN  
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

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DELEITE SAM SITE 2259N 08045W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS WITH MISSILES,  
4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE  
REVETMENT.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AREA CONTAINS 26 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 CANVAS-  
COVERED.)

25X1D

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CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2236N 08005W

AREA APPARENTLY INACTIVE.  
OBLIQUITY LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

TWENTY-EIGHT MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OR LOWBOY TRAILERS  
AND APPROXIMATELY 40-50 OTHER UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES  
VISIBLE.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

25X1A

SIX MISSILE LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (2 IN EACH OF 3 HOLD AREAS, ONE IN A LAUNCH REVETMENT), AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2058N 07538W

ALTERNATE SITE REMAINS UNOCCUPIED. ONE PROBABLE CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITION AND 2 CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTERS VISIBLE.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

A CONVOY OF 18 TRUCKS AND VANS AND 2 PRIME MOVERS TOWING EITHER CRUISE-MISSILES OR LAUNCHERS IS PREPARING TO LEAVE THE AREA. TEN OTHER VEHICLES ARE ALSO IN AREA. THE 2 LAUNCH POSITIONS ARE VACANT. THE EQUIPMENT LOCATED JUST SE OF THE EASTERN LAUNCH REVETMENT IS NOW CANVAS-COVERED. TEN CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES REMAIN IN THE AREA.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

25X1A

TWO MISSILE LAUNCHERS (ONE APPARENTLY WITH A MISSILE), 8 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 10 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS, 18 ADDITIONAL VEHICLES, AND 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES.

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

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SITE CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 46 CRATES, 12 STEPPED-ROOF VEHICLES, 10 UNIDENTIFIED CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLES OR CRATES, AND APPROXIMATELY 100 OTHER VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

25X1A

AIRCRAFT -- ONE UNIDENTIFIED SWEEP WING AIRCRAFT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 FAGOT/FRESCO VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

PRESTON AIRFIELD 2044N 07539W

AIRCRAFT -- NO AIRCRAFT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 28 FISHBED, 5 FARMER, 16 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, 4 T-6, 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

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AND ONE HOUND.

25X1D [REDACTED]

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 4 C-46, ONE  
CLEAT, ONE BEECHCRAFT, 4 LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE C-47,  
ONE LODESTAR, 2 BRITANNIA, ONE COOT, AND 3 CRATE  
(ONE WITHOUT WINGS).

25X1D [REDACTED]

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CRATE, 2 CAB, ONE PBY, 9 COLT, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 35 LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D [REDACTED]

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
APPROXIMATELY 75 VEHICLES OBSERVED AT THE EAST END  
OF THE RUNWAY AND APPROXIMATELY 20 AT THE WEST END.

25X1D [REDACTED]

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 65 HOUND (2 WITHOUT ROTORS), 3 HARE, ONE  
C-47, ONE CRATE, 2 BELL HELICOPTER, AND 41 HELICOPTER  
CRATES.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE POSSIBLE COLT.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 10 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, AND ONE PC.

25X1D [REDACTED]

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

VESSELS -- ONE PC OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

25X1D [REDACTED]

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS AT THE QUAYS IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT MAIN QUAY.  
ONE LARGE FREIGHTER LOCATED 3 NM NE OF CARDENAS BAY  
ON A NORTHWEST HEADING.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN PORT AREA.

25X1D

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 5 LARGE FREIGHTERS (4 DOCKED, ONE  
ANCHORED IN HARBOR), AND ONE COASTAL TANKER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 26 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 7 COASTAL FREIGHTERS,  
ONE COASTAL TANKER, 3 TRAWLERS, 6 PT, 2 KOMAR-CLASS  
PGMG (ONE ON MARINE RAILWAY), 4 PC, AND ONE PF.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ALONGSIDE OROZCO PIER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

VESSELS -- ONE FREIGHTER AT CAYO JUAN CLARO.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THIRTY-THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AT LEAST 17 CARGO TRUCKS AND 25 UNIDENTIFIED  
VEHICLES VISIBLE.

25X1D

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-FIVE VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 8 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION OF MAIN CAMP, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO  
APPARENT CHANGE IN VISIBLE AREAS.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE OBSERVED IN ENCAMPMENT LOCATED  
0.6 NM SE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] 25X1D  
SCATTERED CLOUDS, HAZE, AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY  
PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF ENCAMPMENT LOCATED  
2.2 NM TO THE SE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE  
INTERPRETATION.

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MIL CAMP 2258N 08220W

OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 35 VEHICLES AND 22 TANK TRUCKS  
(8 WITH CABS) OBSERVED.

25X1D

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 60 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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25X1D

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP 2054N 07655W

AT LEAST 75 VEHICLES ON HARDSTANDS.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

CAMP CONTAINS 10 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS, 16 LOWBOY  
TRAILERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 300 OTHER VEHICLES.

25X1D

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 11 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 12  
OTHER VEHICLES.

25X1D

GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

CAMP CONTAINS 9 TANKS/SP GUNS, 5 PROBABLE SMALL FA  
PIECES, AND 11 VEHICLES.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

CAMP CONTAINS 14 VEHICLES AND 18 FA PIECES.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- 19 LARGE FA PIECES, 52 VEHICLES, 15  
PROBABLE SP GUNS, 17 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 3  
MEDIUM FA PIECES.  
WEST AREA -- 22 FA PIECES AND 23 VEHICLES.

25X1D [REDACTED]

MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2228N 08347W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

CAMP CONTAINS 3 CANVAS-COVERED LOWBOY TRAILERS  
AND NUMEROUS OTHER VEHICLES.

25X1D [REDACTED]

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 13 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 40 VEHICLES.  
AREA 2 -- 16 PROBABLE VEHICLES AND 4 TENTS.  
AREA 3 -- 26 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 7 OTHER VEHICLES.  
AREA 4 -- 23 FA PIECES.

25X1D [REDACTED]

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES REMAIN ON CENTER LOOP ROAD.

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FORTY VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE HEADQUARTERS AREA AND  
NONE IN THE STORAGE AREA.

25X1D

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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SIXTEEN UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1	2240N 08317W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE	2257N 08317W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE	2301N 08044W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W
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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

LA COLOMA SAM SITE	2218N 08332W
MANATI SAM SITE	2113N 07702W
PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2221N 08339W
MAJANA SAM SITE	2241N 08249W
CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD	2125N 07751W
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD	2206N 08409W
LA COLOMA PORT	2214N 08334W
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1	2121N 07750W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2126N 07753W

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION	2224N 07953W
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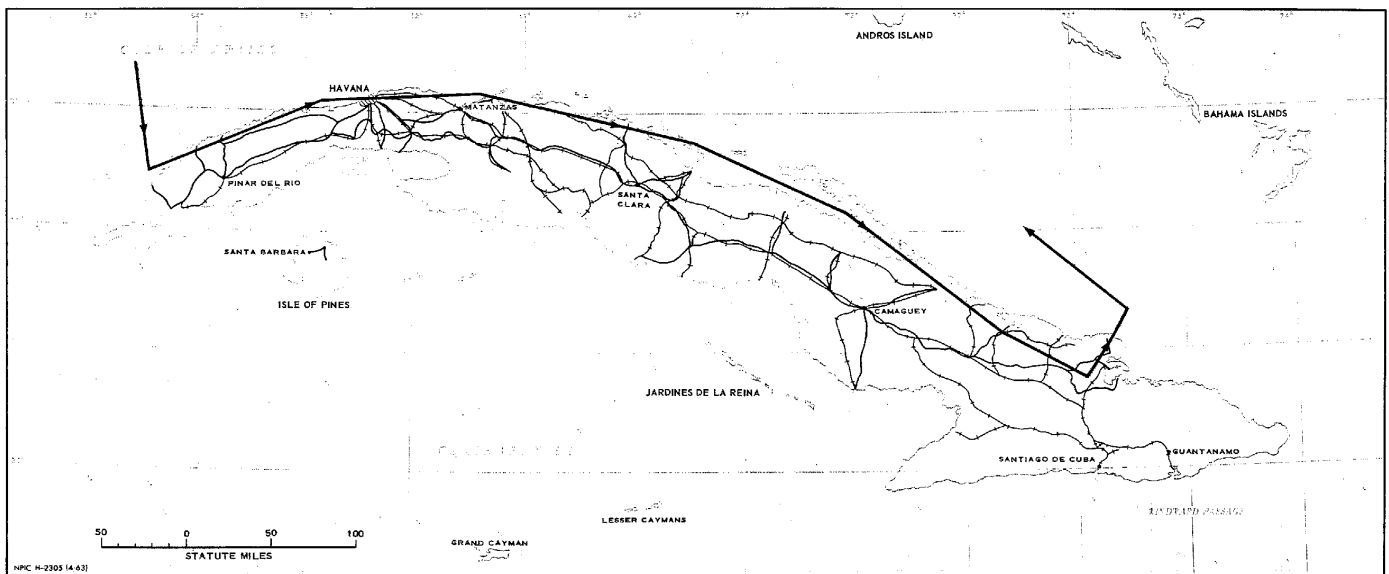
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